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SUB: CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT OF TEHRAN SUBWAY

AWARDED TO FRENCH

1. FOLLOWING TWO YEARS OF BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS, MUNICIPALITY OF TEHRAN SIGNED CONTRACT FOR FRANCS 300 MILLION MARCH 15 WITH FRENCH FIRMS RATP (PARIS AUTHORITY FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT) AND SOFRETU (FRENCH SOCIETY FOR STUDIES IN REALIZATION OF URBAN TRANSPORT) FOR FEASIBILITY STUDIES, SITE SURVEY, BID PREPARATION AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT OF TEHRAN SUBWAY. ACCORDING FRENCH EMBASSY SOURCE, TERMS OF CONTRACT STATE THAT BIDDING ON FUTURE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PHASES WILL BE OPEN ONLY TO FRENCH, FRANCO-IRANIAN AND IRANIAN FIRMS.

2. TOTAL COST OF 63 KILOMETER, FOUR-LINE SUBWAY NETWORK IS ESTIMATED AT \$1.3 BILLION. STUDIES WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY, CONSTRUCTION IS SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE IN EARLY 1978, AND SUBWAY INAURURATION IS EXPECTED IN 1985.

3. COMMENT: SUBWAY TIMETABLE MAY BE DELAYED DUE FACT TEHRAN DOES NOT HAVE SEWAGE SYSTEM. CONVERSION FROM SEPTIC TANKS TO MODERN SYSTEM IS ONE OF GOI'S MANY DELAYED PROJECTS. U.K. CONSULTANTS SIR ALEXANDER GIBBS AND JOHN TAYLOR WERE RECENTLY AWARDED DESIGN OF NEW SEWAGE SYSTEM, BUT CONSTRUCTION WILL NOT BEGIN UNTIL 1356 (MAR 21, 1977) OR LATER.

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